

DICTIONARY OF TERMS

At first, everything is new, including much of the language you will hear your husband using. Hopefully, this list will help keep communications open.

1. Contemporary - Candidate's classmate
2. Corcoran Bites - Sores on ankles from Corcoran or jump boots.
3. Drop - The order for pushups
4. Dud - Candidate whose appearance and bearing fall way below OCS standards
5. Gig - Deficiency in inspection
6. Golf Suit - Pants and shirt of fatigues that don't match
7. Greenbird - A candidate with middleclass status
8. Spotto - Extra food you bring to your husband.
9. House - The platoon building where your husband lives
10. Jark - 4.2 mile job to MB-4
11. Magic - Work or study done by a candidate after hours
12. MB-4 - The jark hill's pot name
13. Nuc - To completely disarrange articles of a candidate's gear which do not meet acceptable standards. The aftermath of such a "nuclear attack" by a TAG officer or an upperclassman.
14. PT's - Uniforms used for physical training
15. Redbird - A candidate with upperclass status
16. S.O.P. - Standard operating procedures
17. Smack - Lowerclassman, with color of blue
18. Strac - (Adj.) Above the standards required in OCS; usually describes the outstanding appearance of a candidate or his gear.
19. "Sweet" Position - NCO or officer position assigned to a candidate to help him learn different levels of responsibility. The candidate's performance is graded and these grades serve as the basis for his leadership average

20. TAC Staff - The officers and NCO's who operate the OC Batallion
21. Turnback - When a candidate has been absent because of illness, or emergency leave, or has had difficulty with academics or leadership, he may be considered a turnback to another class. This action is considered a second chance for the deserving and promising candidate.
22. White Stripe - Refers to the white stripe on the felt tab of those candidates who rank in the top 12 1/2 per cent of their class. These men are on the Commandant's List and are accorded special privileges.